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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 1301

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS (ROB) EXPERTS GROUP

REF: THE HAGUE 1849

1. BEFORE BANERJEE, UN SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL WHO WILL CHAIR
ROB EXPERTS GROUP MEETING, DEPARTED FOR GENEVA APR. 12, MISOFF
ASKED HIM WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO FIT ONE OR TWO WESTERN
EUROPEAN EXPERTS INTO GROUP AT A LATER STAGE, FOR EXAMPLE, AT
SOME TIME AFTER THE APRIL SESSION OF THE GROUP. MISOFF TOLD
BANERJEE WE HAD HEARD THAT SOME INTEREST MAY HAVE DEVELOPED ON
THE PART OF ONE OR MORE WESTERN GOVERNMENTS. BANERJEE SAID HE
WOULD DEFINITELY WELCOME SOME REAL EXPERTS, PEOPLE WHO KNEW
SOMETHING ABOUT MILITARY BUDGETS. HE SAID IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT
TO FIT ADDITIONAL PERSONS INTO THE GROUP HOWEVER UNLESS THEY
ARRIVED AT LEAST BY THE LAST DAY OF THE FIRST SESSION, I.E.,
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FRIDAY, APRIL 26, SINCE THE DIVISION OF THE WORKLOAD WOULD

PRESUMABLY BE MADE AT THE END OF THE FIRST SESSION
AND ALL APRTICIPATING EXPERTS SHOULD ACCEPT THE TERMS OF
REFERENCE WHICH WILL BE DRAFTED AT THE FIRST SESSION. NEVER-
THELESS, BANERJEE DID NOT COMPLETELY RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY
OF ADDING ONE OR MORE EXPERTS AT A LATER DATE.

2. BANERJEE SAID THAT ANY INTERESTED WESTERN EUROPEAN GOVERN-
MENT SHOULD HAVE ITS GENEVA MISSION CONTACT HIM AND HE WOULD
SEE THAT A SECRETARIAT INVITATION IS ISSUED TO ITS EXPERT.

3. MISOFF PASSED FOREGOING TO UKUN, WHICH HAD EARLIER CONFIRMED
TO US THAT NEW BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS CHANGED ITS POSITION ON
THIS QUESTION. UKUN DOES NOT PLAN TO TELL SECRETARIAT FOR A
FEW DAYS THAT IT IS LOOKING FOR AN EXPERT, SO THAT IT MAY FIRST
EXPLAIN ITS THINKING TO FRENCH AND JAPANESE, WHO IT FEELS WERE
INFLUENCED BY EARIER BRITISH NEGATIVE RESPONSE.

4. WE ALSO TOLD NETHERLANDS MISSION (MINISTER VAN DER KLAAUW)
OF CONVERSATION WITH BANERJEE. HE IS CABLING FOREIN MINISTRY
APR 15. WE HAD EARLIER PASSED TO HIM CONTENTS OF REFTEL.
GON MISSION HAS YET TO BE INFORMED BY ITS OWN GOV OF
DUTCH DECISION TO SEEK AN EXPERT.
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